

SPORTS

NEWSY STORIES FROM THE BUSY ATHLETIC WORLD

JOHNSON'S DRAFT ON WAY TO COFFEYVILLE

Weeghman Left Word That Missive From Big Pitcher Should Not Be Accepted From Mail Carrier.

SCHAEFER LOOKING FOR A JOB

Former Washington Comedian Asks \$6,000 Per Season for His Services. Feds Turn Down Application—May Land With the Cub Outfit.

CHICAGO, December 27.—The long-looked-for \$6,000 draft arrived at the office of the Chi-Feds yesterday, but was not accepted. It was the advance money given Walter Johnson by Manager Joe Tinker when Johnson signed a contract to play with the Chi-Feds six weeks ago. President Weeghman was not present when the draft arrived, but he had left instructions that the letter was to be returned to the sender. It was in a registered envelope, and evidently contained a letter from the star pitcher explaining his actions, but, inasmuch as the message was returned unopened, the local magnate is still in the dark as to what excuse Johnson is offering for his flip-flop.

The lawyers told Weeghman not to accept the money when it was returned, hence the decision to return the registered letter.

"Germany" Schaefer and President Charlie Thomas, of the Cubs, did not have their scheduled meeting yesterday to talk over a contract for the season of 1915, for the famous diamond comedian did not put in his appearance at the Cub headquarters, and Thomas took a day off after the holiday festivities, so there was nothing doing toward making Schaefer a Cub. The meeting will likely take place tomorrow.

There may be some little difficulty for the two to get down to a business basis. Schaefer is asking a lot of money for his services, and Thomas is compelled to hold down expenses for the coming season. Already Schaefer has been in consultation with the Feds, and has knocked the breath out of the outlaws with his demands.

Less than two weeks ago he was released by Washington. He went so far as to get into association with Charles Weeghman, and Joe Tinker, but the money demands were too much, and the Feds politely informed him there was no room for him in their organization. Schaefer, it is said, asked for a stipend of \$5,000 a year.

The former American League staggered Weeghman when he named the amount he thought was a fair consideration. They asked him to come down a few thousands, but he failed to see it in that light, declaring that he had opportunity to procure the management of a club in the American Association for \$5,000 a year, and that if the Feds would not give him what he demanded, he would not enter the fold. But the Federal League is through paying enormous salaries to players who are not of the Johnson and Collins type.

A second baseman is needed on the West Side, and Manager Bresnahan and President Thomas are looking for a player to act in the capacity of coach and utility man, but would not pay him the salary he asked from Tommy Leach, who is still a good player, for demanding too much money.

A trade which, it was hoped, would bring Heinie Groh, second baseman of the Cincinnati Nationals, to the Cubs may be close to realization. But Bresnahan, manager of the Chicago club, who left to-night for the Ohio city, President Charles Thomas, of the Cubs, said the Cincinnati club wanted "Pitcher Lavender and Outfielder Leach, but in exchange did not offer "much that we want."

"The man we need is Heinie Groh, but they are still shy about throwing him into the pot," Thomas said.

J. K. TENER TO DEVOTE HIS ENTIRE TIME TO BASEBALL

Finishes Term as Governor of Pennsylvania Next Friday—Then Takes Charge of National.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 27.—Next Friday noon John K. Tener will have served his term of four years as the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and will then assume active charge of the office of president of the National Baseball League. Governor Tener already has served more than a year as head of the oldest baseball organization, but has not been able to devote much of his time to directing baseball affairs. At present Governor Tener is preparing to turn over the governorship to Dr. Brumbaugh, but after taking a day off for Yuletide festivities, Governor Tener was keen for a talk on baseball prospects. Although business has been greatly depressed and baseball has had its ups and downs since the Federal League came into existence, Governor Tener anticipates a good season for the game next season.

The future of organized baseball, according to Governor Tener, is very bright and he predicted that sooner or later business policies will be brought to bring this about. The financial burdens, which have been greatly increased, along the line, must be lessened in order to assure a proper return to the club owners for their investment.

That the present year has been a poor one financially for organized ball is admitted by Governor Tener, but this condition he attributes to business conditions due largely to the European war. In discussing the outlook for 1915, Governor Tener said:

"Because baseball is a sport, and always has been, cordoned off from the sport, many burdens of a financial character have been saddled upon the game. Liberality and prodigality have always featured the business conduct of our national game business, and always will prevail, but there is no reason why the latter should not be eliminated, or, at least, reduced to a minimum."

"Being an optimist in every sense of the word, I cannot understand why a pessimistic view of organized baseball should be entertained for the season of 1915. I firmly believe and expect the business atmosphere to clear, and with it will come baseball prosperity."

Chicago statisticians figure that the attendance at the White Sox park next season will have to increase 1,000 persons each day in order to pay Eddie Collins's salary.

Now that Clark Griffith has proven the worth of a comedian on a ball club, Lee Magee could do worse than sign "Germany" Schaefer as a running mate for "Steve" Evans.

ANOTHER MUDDLE MAY BE CAUSED BY FULTZ

Organized Baseball Officials Likely to Reject Latest Demands, Which Probably Means a Strike.

CONDITIONS DIFFERENT NOW

Last Summer the Union Compelled Ebbets, of Newark, to Meet Conditions in the Kraft Case—Magnates Apparently Have the Whiphand.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Old friends of David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, are hoping for his sake and for the sake of his union that he will become a little more conservative in his ideas before the regular annual meeting of the National Commission in Cincinnati next month. It is then that the fraternity will present its new set of demands for betterment of conditions for the players.

Fultz's latest plan is entirely the reverse in principle of the other suggestions and requests he has made. All those on which the governing body of organized baseball has taken action thus far are based on a merit system, the reward of those justly entitled to it. His new proposition, which is causing considerable discussion among baseball men, applies to players sent by the big leagues to clubs of lower classifications. He professes to believe the National Commission should make a rule to compel the payment of salaries to such men just as large as if they had stayed in the majors. In other words, that the contracts be taken over in full by the minor league clubs.

The governing triumvirate of organized ball—Garry Herrmann, Ban Johnson and John Tener—will oppose the new proposal forcibly, unalterably. It absolutely will not consent to the idea, particularly in these times of financial stress and retrenchment, when the players as a whole are getting more than their share, anyway.

Fultz's obstinacy as a fighter is well known. He is a fighter to the finish, for that he must be admitted. But his opponents accuse him of carrying his pugnacity too far, and his friends dread the results of his impetuosity when he goes off on an extreme task like his present one. They say that he is in danger of getting embroiled in a fight where he has no chance to win, but a sure chance to lose. Though a wise counselor to players in many ways, he is likely to undo all the good he has brought them and weak harm instead if he gets a fixed idea in his head.

Conditions are different now from what they were last summer, at the time when Fultz threatened a strike because of the franchise case of First Baseman Kraft, of Newark, who had been dispatched to a Southern League club by order of the National Commission, organized baseball bowed to the union, then, Owner Ebbets, of the Newark club, fulfilling the conditions of the franchise ultimatum by buying Kraft's release from the smaller league and returning him to Newark, which prevented the impending strike.

Magnates Will Welcome Strike. Next season, however, if Fultz threatens a strike, the magnates will let him go through with it, and he will be even glad of the fact. It will offer an opportunity for getting rid of a number of ironclad contracts held by players who are not worth as much now as the documents call for. If a player goes on strike, that will be a violation of his written promises, and will automatically nullify his contract before a court. The Feds so far as club's obligations go. Thus the club can't be forced to pay him salary. But the contract will serve as an absolute bar to the man's performing for the Federal League. If the player jumps, therefore, the magnates can compel the player to sign a new contract for a smaller amount, any amount they like making him accept, the player's only alternative being to quit baseball entirely.

That is one thing that will occur if a strike is called. Another is that any players with such contracts will refuse to take the risk by going on a strike. And most of the really star men now own such contracts, as is well known. Thus, what will become of the fraternity if nearly all the big runs stick by the magnates, while those who constitute the small fry go on strike? The answer is easy. There will not even be much of a corpse left.

Baseball Paragraphs

With the advent of the new year several baseball trades involving well-known players can be expected. The Giants, Cubs, Reds, Senators, Naps, White Sox, Cardinals, Braves and a host of other clubs have tentative deals under consideration now.

Clarence Rowland, new manager of the White Sox, comes into the major leagues dubbed with "Mystery Man," just as George Stallings will live as long as the game as the "Miracle Man."

Rowland never has had charge of a team of better than Class B rating, so he should be right at home with the White Sox.

Minor League historians state that as a "boat getter," George Stallings is a soothing flatterer beside Rowland.

St. Louis Federal backers are in for more trouble if the Aldermen there decide to pass the Parkway bill, which would send a boulevard directly through the Federal's grandstand as it now rests.

"Bob" Allen, who will be remembered as a shortstop of ability twenty years ago, has decided to become an active supporter of baseball again. He recently purchased the Montgomery franchise in the Southern Association.

Schuyler Britton, president of the Cardinals, suggests that the major leagues close the gates next year, cut some 500 men off the payroll, give the Federal the right of way, and see if the players won't decide that organized baseball is a good wagon to ride to.

Hawaiian swimmers, pearl divers and sport lovers have tagged Grover Cleveland Alexander and William Killefer the greatest battery in the world.

President of Ballplayers' Fraternity



DAVID FULTZ.

CLEVELAND LIKELY TO BE INVADIED BY FEDERALS

Kansas City Club Is Slated to Move to the Naps' Stronghold Shortly After January 1, Says Rumor.

STOVALL TO MANAGE TEAM

Independents Plan to Give American League Squad a Stiff Battle—Gilmore Passes Up Toronto on Account of the War in Europe.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The Federal League is about to hand organized baseball another staggering blow. If all the reports are true, the independents will place a team in Cleveland the coming season, and if such is the case, it will surely be a solar plexus wallop for the Cleveland fans, as pretty well soured on organized baseball, after the poor showing of the Naps last season.

Cleveland will be a member of the Federal League in 1915, replacing Kansas City. This is no guess, but comes direct from one of the prominent Western promoters of the Federal League venture.

Despite the frequent statements of President Gilmore that the League will retain its eight 1914 cities, this change will be announced shortly after the first of the year. But for the European war, the Kansas City franchise would have been moved to Toronto, but until the foreign situation clears up Toronto will be left to the International League.

All of the leading lights in the Federal League visited Toronto, and the league, as a whole, feels very friendly toward the Canadian city. If Toronto is to be invaded, the invasion is to be permanent, and Toronto is to get a steel, concrete plant on a site already selected, near the heart of the town.

For the present, however, Toronto will be passed by, and all plans are being made for an invasion of Cleveland next year. The Feds so far have tried to screen their operations in the sixth city, so as to keep organized baseball guessing, as they did in Brooklyn a year ago, but Charles Somers may as well get ready now to prepare for Federal League opposition next summer.

The Federals figure that it will be an easy matter for them to capture Cleveland fandom, if they play any kind of aggressive ball. The city soured very much against their American League aggregation last summer, which topped for an invasion of Cleveland last season. Their daily cruises were jokes, while the Sunday turn-outs seldom exceeded 4,000 late in the season.

The Federal League also is banking strongly on George Stogall's popularity in Cleveland. It will be recalled that Stovall took command of a seventh-place team in June, 1914, when Jim McQuinn threw up the reins in disgust, and the team progressed so well under Stovall that it finished third.

The Feds are convinced that Stovall will command a big following in Cleveland, and believe if they can put a hustling club in the field they can easily outdraw the Naps. The fact that the Naps were tailenders last season did not disgust Cleveland fandom so much as their listless, indifferent manner of play. The Naps always looked beaten before a single man batted and showed no life, pep or ambition to do any better.

Getting rid of Kansas City, however, will be one of the leading obstacles before the league, and it probably will be necessary to buy out the present owners.

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Sport Spice Canister "LET'S TALK IT OVER."

To-morrow night, on the Palace runs, the Chesapeake and Potomac Tenpin League will begin a season to cover several months. The pinners will roll twice each week, and the games are scheduled to start at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Joe Boehling, of this city, Washington's star left-hand pitcher, will leave for the capital city some time this week, and will, it is expected, sign a contract for next year. Boehling was recently operated on for a floating cartilage on his knee. He reports that the operation was successful, and the injured member is right again. Boehling says "that as he is now in condition, he expects to have the best season of his career."

F. S. Towsey has been appointed registrar of the South Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union for Richmond, and William F. Hampel and Shepperd Crump were also named as assistants by the registration committee, according to word sent to this city Saturday.

With the closing of the Charleston race meet next Saturday, the lovers of the thoroughbred will be compelled to look to New Orleans, Cuba and Mexico for their favorite diversion. These three tracks will feature the sport of Kings during the winter months. The horsemen will migrate North about the last of March in time to open the spring meets in New York and Maryland.

Boxing fans are looking forward to the White-Shugrue bout, which takes place to-morrow night at Madison Square Garden, New York. The affair will be limited to ten rounds, with no decision, and the result means much to the one picked by the newspapers as the winner. It is a certainty that both mixers will strive to put over the "sleep producer," and the battle is sure to be a brilliant one from the tap of the gong that starts the argument.

As expected, the draft sent to Weeghman by Walter Johnson, the pitcher who did the double flop, has been refused by the Tinkerites' boss. With the Federals promising to air the matter in the courts, there is lively times expected during the remaining months of cold weather.

A story comes out of New York to the effect that the Federals intend to invade Cleveland, and that the Kansas City franchise would be transferred to that city. Should this be the policy of Gilmore and his associates, it will mean stirring times in the camp of the Naps, and it is not likely that Somers will carry along a taller, as was the case last season.

NATIONALS PLAN FOR BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

NEW YORK, December 27.—The magnates of the National League will have a special holiday some time next year. The day will be known as "Anniversary Day" in honor of the fortieth birthday of the National League.

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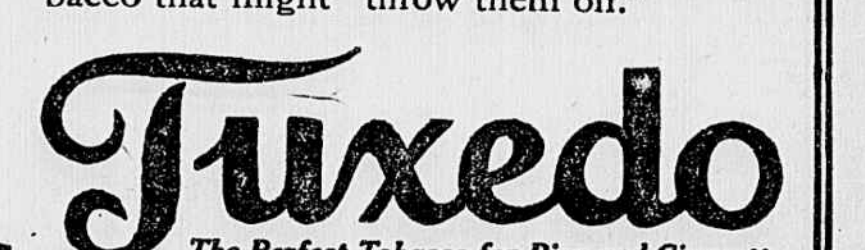
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